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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As an attorney and a supporter of Microsoft, I write to you to give my support to the recent Microsoft settlement. Using both Professional XP, and Home XP, I can only praise the work that Microsoft has done to make the technology Industry so accessible. Not only has Microsoft been beneficial to both consumers and the IT sector alike, but it has also been beneficial to our economy as a whole. I would truly welcome any support towards the recent agreement, in hopes that we can allow our technology industry to move on.

After three long years of court battles, it seems that it is time to let this well thought out settlement move forward. The terms of the agreement are fair and benefit all parties involved. Since Microsoft and the Department of Justice have agreed upon terms that will open up the competitive market, I think it is time to let the terms, information sharing, non-retaliation agreements, government oversight, etc., speak for themselves.

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I fully support the settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice, and hope to see it implemented soon. Thank you.

Sincerely,